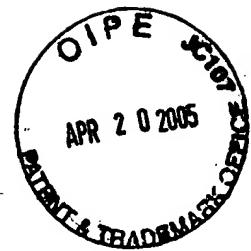


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Oliver T. Althoff, et al.

CONFIRMATION NO.: 2955

U.S.S.N.: 09/910,256

GROUP: 3621

FILED: July 20, 2001

EXAMINER: Abdi, K.

FOR: CHECKOUT SYSTEM FOR ON-LINE, CARD PRESENT EQUIVALENT
INTERCHANGES

MS Amendment
Commissioner For Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2004 in the above-referenced application.

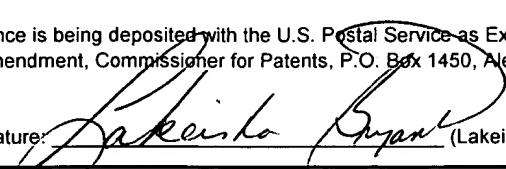
The Applicants believe that a three-month extension of time is required since this response is being filed after the fifth month but before the expiration of the specified time period. The Applicants, however, conditionally petition for a further extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below, charge Deposit Account **04-1105** for any required fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**Docket No.
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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Total Claims		- 20 =		x	
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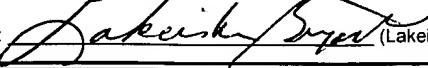
 Large Entity Small Entity No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105 in the amount of \$ 1,020.00. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 04-1105 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.

Dated: April 20, 2005

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